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SEMINAR TO ADDRESS ENDING AGGRESSION TOWARD WOMEN AND MEN

Leading American anti-sexist activist Jackson Katz will lead a men-only seminar Feb. 10 at Boise State University to address how men can end aggression toward women and other men.

The seminar will be held at 3 p.m., in the BSU Student Union Building's Jordan Ballroom. At 7:00 p.m., Katz will deliver "More than a Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood and Violence Against Women," also in the Jordan Ballroom. The afternoon event is for men only. The evening lecture is for men and women. Admission to both is free, but a ticket is required to reserve a seat. Call the BSU Women's Center at 426-4259.

Health and Welfare Unit Manager for Injury and Violence Prevention L. Kaili McCray says, "Violence, and particularly violence against women, is on a steady rise both nationally and here in Idaho. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported that Idaho ranks in the top five in the nation for incidence of forcible rapes."

CDC estimates that one in five women has been raped before age 18. "Men have a huge stake in preventing violence against women, because it directly affects men on several levels, as brothers, sons or fathers of victims and perpetrators," McCray says. "Although most men are not violent, when violence against women does occur, men are the most likely perpetrators."

Katz is from Boston, Massachusetts, and has a master's degree in education from Harvard University. A national speaker in the field of violence prevention, he says, "We have to start examining this system and offer alternatives, because one of the major consequences of all this is the growing connection in our society between being a man and being violent."

The seminar is sponsored by the BSU Women's Center, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Injury and Violence Prevention Unit, Ada County Human Rights Task Force, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Boise Women's and Children's Alliance, Idaho NOW, Treasure Valley NOW, and Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

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